

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Community Advisory Committee **10:00 a.m. on March 10, 2022** **8036 Ocean View Avenue** **Whittier, CA 90602**

MINUTES

1. Roll Call - The meeting opened at 10:08 a.m.

East Whittier - Present
El Rancho - Absent
Little Lake - Present
Los Nietos - Absent
South Whittier- Present
Whittier City - Present
Whittier Union - Present

2. Approval of Agenda for March 10, 2022

Moved: Lorrie Ruiz
Seconded: Joel Escobar
Vote: 5-0

3. Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2021

Moved: Gloria Ruiz
Seconded: Lorrie Ruiz
Vote: 5-0

4. Public Input

Celia Fletes, from the Parent's Place Family Resource Center in West Covina, shared that the organization serves families of San Gabriel, Pomona, and a small part of Whittier from 0 to 3 years of age up through adults. Additionally, she shared that they would be holding an IEP workshop through T.A.S.K. via Zoom on April 12th from 10-11:30 a.m. which would be open to everyone.

Bryant Renteria, parent, shared that he was new to the whole process and wanted to learn as much as possible and be aware of available resources to better help his son in the future.

5. Budget Review

- a. \$5,000 has been budgeted for CAC for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - i. Approved Expenses thus far for 2021-2022
 - a) Not to exceed \$2,000 for interpretation and translation services for CAC sponsored 2021-2022 parent events.

The CAC reviewed this year's budget and approved expenses thus far.

6. Discussion Items

- a. Welcome to new CAC Board Members

The CAC welcomed the new East Whittier City School District alternate voting member, Alexandria Duchi, and thanked Mr. James Crowell for connecting her to WACSEP.

- b. Disability Resource and Transition Fair
 - i. Date - Proposed - Thursday, May 12, 2022

The CAC Board accepted the proposed date and hoped to have the event in person.

- ii. Time - Proposed - 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

In the past, CAC had explored different times but this time has worked best in past events. The CAC Board agreed the time was appropriate.

- iii. Location

Ms. Janet Queneau reported there was a possibility of hosting the event at Pioneer High School which was centrally located to all the member districts, near the 605 freeway. The CAC Board discussed the location options and opted to host it at Pioneer High School, if it was available, with a similar set up to the 2019-2020 Disability and Transition Resource Fair. If Pioneer High School was not available, then the CAC Board agreed to hold the event at the WACSEP site.

- iv. Topic ideas for presentations

Ms. Janet Queneau reviewed the topics from the last in person Disability and Transition Resource breakout sessions. The CAC Board gave additional topic suggestions that Ms. Janet Queneau would look into securing as 45 minute breakout sessions.

v. Food

Ms. Janet Queneau presented food vendor options for the Disability and Transition Resource Fair which Ms. Adahena Gutierrez had researched. The CAC Board decided on the hamburger vendor. WACSEP would move forward in securing the vendor.

c. Virtual Legislative Sharing Day - May 4, 2022, 9:00-11:00 a.m

i. Board Members who are interested in attending

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that the SELPA Administrators of California was hosting the virtual Legislative Sharing Day. Any Board member interested in attending could let her or Ms. Jessica Burgos know and would be registered through the SELPA. The event will be held in a webinar format.

d. Meetings with Legislators - scheduling

i. Assembly Members

Lisa Calderon - Tentative 1:00 p.m., virtual

Cristina Garcia - Tentative 3:30 p.m., virtual

ii. Senator Bob Archuleta

The appointment times were shared with the CAC Board. Any Board member interested in attending the virtual appointments and sharing the importance of supporting students with disabilities and their families were welcomed to attend.

e. Returning CAC Board Members for 2022-2023

Ms. Janet Queneau asked the Board members if they were planning to return next year. All present Board members wished to return. Ms. Jessica Burgos will check in with absent members to see if they would like to return next year and work with the district for approvals. Additionally, Ms. Queneau reported that anyone interested in the Chair and Vice Chair positions for next year should let her know..

f. Communication of CAC events

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that the SELPA was working on ways to increase communication of CAC events. She had had a conversation with Ms. Alexandria Duchi who works in marketing about better ways to publicize events and other trainings throughout the SELPA.

Ms. Alexandria Duchi shared that social media could potentially be a great tool as it

is easily accessible and provides a great opportunity to publicize events and reach more people.

- g. Gloria Ruiz - Advisory Council for Special Education
 - i. Review of role

Ms. Gloria Ruiz shared that she is part of the Advisory Council for Special Education. She postponed her presentation until the next meeting.

7. Action Items

- a. It is recommended that \$1,200.00 be approved to pay for food and beverages associated with the 2022 Disabilities Resource and Transition Fair.

Moved: Lexi Duchi
Seconded: Gloria Ruiz
Vote: 5-0

8. Director's Comments

- a. SELPA website update

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that the new WACSEP website should be up and running by the end of the school year. Once done, the website will be much better than what we have now, user friendly, and another resource for parents.

- b. Governor's Proposed Budget for 2022-23 - Special Education items

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that the Governor's Proposed Budget came out in January which then goes to the Assembly and Senate and would be approved in July. She shared that there were significant increases to the special education base rate; base funding is allocated based on a total student Average Daily Attendance (ADA) formula. The base rate increased from \$715 to a proposed \$820 per ADA, a significant increase to special education. If passed, it would be a win for both special education and general education, as it would decrease the amount of general fund contribution required by districts. Additionally, the Budget proposes a special education addendum to the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for each district. There is also a proposed increase in preschool funding.

- c. Legislative Update

Ms. Janet Queneau shared the SB 1113 fact sheet had just come out. This is a bill that focuses on increasing inclusion for students with disabilities. She asked for CAC's support on this bill.

9. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Moved: GLoria Ruiz
Seconded: Lexi Duchi
Vote:5-0